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Alex Carter & Son's mule sale last week was one of the most successful ever held in the county. The long-eared fellows brought fine prices.

Mrs. J. G. Lakenan of this city is raising mushrooms in the basement at her home. She picks a quart of the fungi for dinner every two or three days. Ah, we'll all be growing things indoors and outdoors soon.

Miss Mildred Glandon of this city, who is but 16 years old, has decided to become a newspaper woman and will study Journalism at Columbia next year. She has a bright mind, is ambitious and we predict success for her.

E. R. Locke and E. B. Keath struck the keynote at the McMillan luncheon the other day when they urged everybody to back Herbert Pryor and E. B. Street in their earnest efforts to boost the Mexico schools. A big gymnasium, a Y. M. C. A.—everybody's school—open day and night, at McMillan.

Good enough. The Audrain County Fair management has decided to do away with horse racing this year and more money will be appropriated as prizes for farm live stock and farm products. The farmers ought to take to that idea all right. The Fair ought to have the largest attendance in its history.

That was thoughtful, a junket of High School pupils to Jefferson City to see a demonstration of how the Legislature gets at lawmaking. More of the High School pupils should visit the Circuit Court while in session and hear interpretations of the law; perhaps get a line on how a witness is used at times. Go to the court and see how it's all done.

Councilman P. L. Hanley has the right idea—consolidate the officers of City Engineer and Street Commissioner. One man can do that whole work and then some. Cut down the number of night police too. No number of men can prevent robberies; one man can quell disturbances if they arise.

Rev. H. I. Cobb, southwest of Mexico, who has been in a St. Louis hospital several weeks for treatment of his eyes, is home, but we understand his eyesight is not improved. He will lose the sight of one eye entirely if it is feared and there is no certainty of saving the other.

Executors' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of P. S. Underwood, late of Audrain County, Mo., deceased, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of said Audrain County, bearing date the 23d of February, 1915. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after date of said letters, or they may be precluded from benefits of said estate; and if such claims are not exhibited within one year from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

ELMER UNDERWOOD,
T. B. UNDERWOOD,
Executors.

HAT AND THE HABITATION

Architect Shows How the One Has Always Borne Strong Relation to the Other.

A well-known architect has pointed out that the form of the hat bears a certain relation to buildings of a primitive nature—huts. He has invited attention to the curious resemblance that has existed, and that is still to be found in many countries between headgear and habitations or other buildings. It may be that the same taste, or the lack of it, has given rise to the similarity of style, or in the beginning the designer of the hat may have taken the hut as a model.

In the Hawaiian Islands, long before the inhabitants took the trouble to clothe themselves, they built grass houses, and at the present time the characteristic Hawaiian hat is remarkably like the hut.

The turbans of the dignitaries of the Eastern church are still of the shape of those worn by the high priests among the Jews of olden times, and they are extraordinarily like the characteristic domes that surmount mosques. Again, it is pointed out, the high-pointed spires of Gothic churches were contemporaneous with the high horn-like headress known as the hennin.

It is believed, too, that like results may be found after a comparison of other styles of architecture with the headgear of the period wherein they flourished.

PUBLIC LED BY CONVENTION

Fact Explains Why Reality in Any Form of Art Comes as Something of a Shock.

We are all such creatures of convention that the first impression made by reality in any form of art is sometimes a distinct shock and we close the windows of our intelligence and draw the blinds, that the fresh air and the new light may not enter it. Just as no form of art is so strange as life, so it may be the strangeness of reality in books, in pictures, and in music that makes our attitude one of resistance rather than of welcome.

Virgin snow often looks blue, but it took courage to paint it blue, because people judge not by eyesight, but by convention, and snow conventionally is assuredly white. In reading books of fiction we have become so accustomed to conventions that we hardly notice how often they contradict reality. In many novels I have read I have been introduced to respectable women with scarlet lips, whereas in life I never saw a really good woman with such labial curiosities. Conversations are conventionally unnatural. A trivial illustration will suffice. Someone in a group makes a proposition. "Agreed!" cried they all. Did you ever hear anyone say "Agreed?"—From "Essay on Books," by William Lyon Phelps.

Relieving Monotony on Train.

As a method of relieving the monotony of a long journey the observation of the distance post has a value. Calculated in this way, the highest speed I have achieved in this country has been one mile in 46 seconds, or at the rate of 78 miles per hour, on the Midland railway company's system between Chesterfield and Stockport—a most exciting run on a down-grade five miles length of track. The train swung frightfully, but we survived. The next highest speed has been observed on the London and Northwestern railway company's system between Penrith and Carlisle; another down-grade run, when a speed of 70 miles per hour can often be observed. Speeds of between 60 and 70 miles an hour are, however, quite commonly attained by many of the main line express trains in this country, and the amateur observer need not trouble to record any runs in which the quarter-mile takes over 15 seconds to complete.—London Mail.

The Physician's Life.

The study of medicine is an entrancing subject; its practice requires an array of virtues whose mere contemplation staggers the mind. One must meet violence with gentleness, ingratitude with equanimity, insult with fortitude, slander with silence. The physician's life is a daily exemplification of the Golden Rule. The very sensitiveness that inspires sympathy with pain and misery is a weapon in the hands of ignorance and malice whereby they deal dreadful wounds, wounds which must be endured silently. Resentment can have no place in the physician's mind. Equanimity must be maintained in the face of misapprehension and abuse.—From "Creations of a Physician," by A. Stuart M. Chisholm, M. D.

Hunting Echoes With an Arc Light.

Locating echoes by light beams, with subsequent correction of bad acoustics, has been developed into an exact science by experimenters in the University of Illinois. Beams from an arc light are directed from the stage to all parts of an auditorium and the deflection of light from walls and pillars is noted. Results are checked up by observing the sound of the hissing traveling in the same course as the light.

Experience has shown just what conditions produce the most troublesome echoes and with the information given by the light beams the conditions are readily improved by hanging curtains at troublesome points.—Saturday Evening Post.

DRILLED SOLDIER UNDER FIRE

Reckless Courage Shown by Russian Captain in Driving Fear From Subordinate.

At Sebastopol, during the siege, a Captain Samoloff, wishing some wine, ordered an officer to send a man for it. The man, a young soldier, took the money and started on the errand. Just then, however, a French battery had concentrated its fire upon the very spot where the young man must go outside the works. He stopped and turned back.

"I wouldn't go out there for the world," he said.

An officer, of course, reported the act of disobedience to the captain. The captain, in a rage, ordered the man into his presence and demanded why he had not obeyed his order.

"I beg you to pardon me, captain, but I was terribly afraid."

"Afraid!" cried the captain. "Afraid! A Russian soldier afraid! Wait a minute. I will drive the fear out of you. Come with me."

The captain led the way to the rampart, mounted it, and there, with the bullets raining round him, began putting the man through some military exercises. The lookers-on in the fort held their breath. If a hat was put on a bayonet and lifted above the walls the bullets came that way on the instant.

Not many seconds elapsed before a bullet struck the captain in the arm. He did not wince, but kept on with his drill, while the blood dripped down his hand to the wall.

Next a bullet went through the tail of the soldier's coat, and another through his knapsack. Then suddenly the firing ceased.

The soldier begged for grace and promised to go wherever he was sent. Still the captain continued his drill. When he thought the lesson had been learned, or, perhaps, when his wound grew too painful, he dismissed the soldier and went himself to the surgeon and had his arm dressed.

The French explained afterward that they ceased firing out of sheer astonishment at the sight of the two men exposing themselves so recklessly.

TAKE NOTE OF SMALL THINGS

Not the Larger Dangers, But the Insignificant, Are Most to be Guarded Against.

Alike in the world of nature and the realm of human conduct, the things called little count for more in the sum of good or evil than the things acknowledged as great. Statistics would probably show that the ravages of gypsy moths, and other parasites that feed on the products of garden, field and forest, exceed the ruin wrought by cyclones and earthquakes. We are more likely to be killed by microbes than devoured by lions. The soldier may be in greater danger from the neglect of sanitary precautions than from the bullets of the enemy. Some people are terrified at the approach of a thunderstorm, and do not breathe freely until the danger is past. Others would rather forego the pleasure of foreign travel than brave the perils of an ocean voyage. Yet poor ventilation numbers more victims than the lightning, and insufficient drainage than the tempests that strew the shore with wrecks.—Universalist Leader.

Joy Turned to Grief.

There is a big bunch of phony money being "lost" in this town every day, says the New York Press. And it looks as if some one was dropping it just for the purpose of causing the finders to have an attack of heart failure. A man fell upon a roll of green boys in the theatrical district the other day and when he wrapped his hand around it he wore an expression that seemed to say "This will put me on velvet." But upon closer examination the paleness of his face indicated that he had changed his opinion. The roll was stage money.

There is a stage money treasury located near the Metropolitan opera house, where they have stored about thirty million dollars or more in green and yellow backs. The money is sent all over the country to be used in the movies to pay for mortgages and on the stage to win heiresses. As a side line the stage money treasurer issues small lots of accommodation paper for four-flushers to use as the basis for a "roll." With a couple of regular X's or XX's wrapped around a bunch of stage money any gay fellow can make a great showing along the main street.

King as a Prisoner of War.

In these days no prisoner of war is likely to be so well treated as King John I of France, who, after his capture at Poitiers, was lodged first at the palace of the Savoy and subsequently at Somerton castle, in Lincolnshire, the London Chronicle observes. Before being removed to Somerton, John had to dismiss 42 members of his suite; but even then, there remained about forty persons in attendance on him. Among these were two chaplains, a secretary, a clerk of the chapel, a physician, a maître d'hôtel, three pages, four valets, three wardrobe-men, three furriers, six grooms, two cooks, a fruiterer, a spiceman, a jester, a barber and a person entitled "le roy des monestereux," who appeared to have been a maker of musical instruments and clocks, as well as a minstrel. He was also allowed to keep game cocks, falcons and greyhounds and to go out hawking and goitreing.

Short-Horn Bull Sale!

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EAST END NOTES

Robt. Bishop and family of Kansas are expected to arrive this week to reside here and will occupy the Jas. Fields farm.

Rev. W. E. Akers filled his appointment at Pleasant Plains Methodist church Sunday.

M. D. Porter received a fancy Poland China sow of the big bone type from Monroe, Iowa, recently.

R. M. Shannon visited his sons, Hon. E. A. and Edwin Shannon of Jefferson City last week.

Fred Bishop sold to Vandalia buyers 20 head of 675 pound butcher cattle Monday at \$6.25.

Mrs. Rose Champion of near Mt. Carmel, who lives alone, was found in her home Friday about 1 o'clock lying on the floor in a critical condition, having been stricken with paralysis the evening before, about 5 o'clock. A physician was called, after which she partially rallied but is yet in a critical condition. Leon Herlinger left recently for St. Paul to accept a position.

BEAN CREEK

The roads are in very bad condition.

M. Myers and wife have moved out to the Robert Allen farm. Robert Allen and family have moved near to Molino.

Thomas Ridgeway and family have moved onto the farm known as the Philander Schute place.

Jasper Willingham sold Charlie Hubert a nice bunch of shoats recently.

Wink Smith and wife have moved to Mexico.

Arthur Ketter has been appointed road boss. Arthur is a hustling young man and we hope to see some good roads this summer.

NORTH MOLINO

Rev. Arvin of Benton City filled his regular appointment at Molino last Saturday and Sunday at 11 o'clock. Didn't have preaching Sunday night on account of bad weather and roads.

A good many of the Molino people have been attending the meeting in Mexico, the electric car making an extra trip after preaching to bring the people back to Molino.

We now have bright hopes of the electric road being built on to Santa Fe, as there are thousands of ties being scattered along the right of way.

Frances Crigler who has been attending school at Shady Dell spent last week with her mother and family near Strother.

Mrs. T. B. Hill who was paralyzed one day last week, died last Saturday afternoon. The remains were laid to rest in the Midway cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Telkemper of near Hutton is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Henderson.

Harry Lawrence, out southwest of Mexico, has been seriously ill of pneumonia.

WEST LICK

Miss Eva Dubray of Wells-ville is the guest of her brother, S. P. Dubray and family.

Mrs. G. O. VanNoy of St. Louis is spending a season with her parents, Judge Beagles and wife.

Edd Ferris and wife spent Sunday at S. P. Dubray's.

Miss Ruth Garrett visited relatives in Martinsburg last week.

Leslie Brown and wife have gone to housekeeping.

R. P. Brown and family spent Sunday at Harry Price's.

TEACHERS EXAMS

Number Not as Large as in Former Years

W. Clyde Johnson:—

This week was given over to the examination of teachers. There was quite a falling off in the number present this year. Last year and the year before, forty-five took the examinations. This year only 25. I think this is largely due to the fact that many of them have first-grade certificates, and because so many are getting their certificates in the high schools. This year, there are more than thirty in this county who will receive with their diplomas a teachers' which ranks as a first grade so there should be no lack of capable teachers in Audrain this year.

Ten of the twenty-five who took the examination have never taught.

Those present were: Mildred Stephens, Mabel Brown, Sallie Glenn, Martinsburg; Ina Baxter, Lizzie Telkemper, Auxvasse; Pearl Morton, Elsie Hildebrand, Benton City; Mrs. Anna Kelley, Anna O'Brien, Josephine Erb, Edna James, Vivion Mildred, Ona Alexander, Bessie Day, Mildred Cook, Mabel Cook, Sarah Culbertson, Mary Griffin, Beulah Moore, Mexico; Dorothy Seckler, Kirksville; Minnie Jackson, W. E. Lewellen, Vandalia; Mrs. Ida Yost, Laddonia; Mrs. Edna L. Gorman, Sturgeon; Mabel Kilgore, Centralia.

Of the 83 rural teachers in the county 32 have a first-grade certificate or better; 30 have a second, and 21 have a third; 26 first grade certificates were granted last year; only four the previous year. The number of second grade certificates is about the same each year. But the number of third grades diminished from 39 to 21. At this rate, in a year or two, there will be enough teachers with a second-grade certificate or better, to supply all the schools of Audrain. Do the children deserve anything less than this? And when I am grading the teachers' examination papers, who deserves my sympathy the more, the teacher or the children whom the law compels to go to her for instruction?

Mr. Clarence Denmark and Miss Bertha Slavens, both of Laddonia, were granted marriage license in Mexico Tuesday.

Cost of Going cut in Two—California Expositions.

You don't have to travel on an extravagant "Limited" train in order to visit the California Expositions. Glitter and rosewood, plush and excessive speed, have little to do with real comfort and satisfaction. Certainly if economy is attractive, you can just as well save considerable on your traveling expenses and have considerable in your pocket to do things with after your arrival.

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T. L. MARSHALL,

Ticket Agt. Burlington Route.

At the big dinner Tuesday given by the churches of Laddonia in honor of Rev. A. E. Burch, it was unanimously voted that Laddonia would dispense with her Chautauqua this year and instead Rev. Burch would be invited to hold a union revival meeting in the town. We are told that New Bloomfield, Mo., has also decided not to have a Chautauqua this year and Rev. Burch will be importuned to hold a union revival meeting in that town. All this is very complimentary to Mr. Burch we are sure.

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